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3XY2, GUINEA. "The 59(9) DX Report" reports that Dan, VE2DPS, has returned to Conakry as **3XY2D**, but has antenna problems. He hopes to be active soon. QSL via W3HNK.

4W, EAST TIMOR (Web site updated). Rod, WC7N, reports that the upcoming DXpedition's Web site has been re-done to increase its usefulness. The data is the same, it is just presented in a different format. Check it out at: <http://www.qth.com/k7bv/timor/> The web page has been updated to include a picture of Thor, 4W6MM.

A3, TONGA ISLAND (also Fiji). Hrane/YT1AD and Dragan/Z32AU are active as **A35AD** and **A35AU** until **October 28**. After Tonga Island, they will be operating as **YJ0AD** and **YJ0AU**, between **October 28 and November 5th**. They will return to Fiji to be active as **3D2AD** and **3D2AU** between **November 5-10th**. Activity will be on CW and SSB on all HF bands including 6 meters. QSL via YT1AD and Z32AU.

A5, BHUTAN (Activity)..... A Japanese team led by Yoosuke, JH1NBN (who has been active from TI9X, TN7A, HK0, and etc...) will be active from **Paro**, Bhutan, between **October 27th and November 3rd**. The team consists of JA1PCY, JF1PJK, JH1NBN, JK1AFI and JR7TEQ. They will take three HF transceivers and one 6 meters transiver for this DXpedition. They will operate on all bands 160-6 meters, SSB/CW/RTTY. They will use their own callsign (callsigns not mentioned). Some of members will participate in the **CQWW DX SSB Contest** while others will continue to be active on CW/RTTY or the WARC bands during the contest. Although only using a 100 watts, they will try to work 160m and 80m with a 65 foot vertical. JK1AFI strongly wishes to give a new one for any 6m DXers. QSL all callsigns via JH1NBN: Yoosuke Uchiyama, 924-4 Yokokawacho, Hachioji, 193-0823 JAPAN.

Charly, K4VUD, announced this past weekend: "I have it on good authority that I will be able to use at least 1000 watts xmit power in Bhutan (A5) during my trip there in **early December 2000**. At this moment, I do not have a 1Kw linear, but the permission is good news, at least. I want to try 160, 80 and 40 and am inquiring about 580 feet of straight line beverage

installation. With Bhutan's wind (the thunder dragon!), a balloon vertical is likely out of the question. Antenna suggestions are welcome. I have already purchased my airline ticket for this trip, so if you know my thrift-iness, you know I am going! I will have more details to release soon... watch this space..." Charly's E-mail address is: k4vud@hotmail.com

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA (IOTA Activity)..... Look for Joel, F5JJW, to be active as **FO0SUC** or **FO/F5JJW** from **Mangareva (OC-063) October 10-18th, Moorea (OC-046) October 18-22nd and Tikehau (OC-066) October 22-26th.**

Look for Eric, F5SIH, to be active as **FO/F5SIH** from **Tahiti (OC-046) October 9-11th, Moorea (OC-046) October 12-15th, Huahine (OC-067) October 16-18th, Raiatea (OC-067) October 18-20th, Bora Bora (OC-067) October 20-24th and Rangiroa (OC-066) October 24-27th.**

By the time you read this, Marcel, ON4QM, should be active. He will be staying with Patrick/FO5QS and Guy/FO5NL for a few days. No callsign was given/mention at press time. Marcel, however, will be active mostly on CW on the high bands. He plans to go to **Hereheretue Island (OC-052)** and possibly be active for **one month** starting around **September 25th**. He will then return to Tahiti and may then activate **Maupihaa (OC-057)** until **November 25th**. QSL via ON4QM.

GM, SCOTLAND. On his way to the RSGB/IOTA meeting in Windsor, Don, W9DC, will be visiting the beautiful Outer Hebrides. The purpose of the trip is to identify future island operations and to operate when possible from various islands when the weather and opportunity arises. Don will focus on trying to give North American stations a few Scottish islands from **EU-10**. He will use the callsign **MM/W9DC** when he visits the **Outer Hebrides** from **October 5-7th**. Don states that he hopes to be on **Scalpay (OH-25)** during the evening of **October 5th**. He also plans to operate from 2 private islands, **Oronsay (SC16)** and **Carna (SC-17)** in the **Sugart Loch**, sometime between **October 8-11th** depending on the weather. MM/W9DC will use the IOTA frequencies. QSL via home call direct or via bureau.

HQ, HONDURAS (Correction). Slight mistake in [OPDX.477](http://www.ure.es/honduras/honduras.htm). The **HQ0R** Web page should be: <http://www.ure.es/honduras/honduras.htm> (not ending .html as reported in last week's OPDX.)

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AS-049.** Takeshi, JI3DST, will activate the **Takara Islands** (Kuchinoshima Tosima-Mura, Kagoshima-Gun, Kagoshima, JAPAN) between **November 23-25th**, as **JI3DST/8**. Activity will be on 17/15/12/10/6 meters. QSL via the JARL Bureau (BUREAU is Best) or direct to (Please don't send USD): Takeshi "TAKE" Funaki, 2-18-26 Hannan-cho, Abeno-ku Osaka-city, OSAKA 545-0021 JAPAN
- **AS-137.** Zheng, BA4EG, reports that **BT2000** will be active again from **Zhoushan Archipelago, October 1-4th**. QSL via through the bureau or direct to the following two addresses: Zheng Feng, 552-39-502 Zhao Zhuang Road, Shanghai, 200135, China Zheng Feng, P.O.BOX 122-001, Shanghai, 200122, China
- **AS-147.** Takeshi, JI3DST, activated the Hokkaido's Coastal Islands (**Okushiri Is.**, Hokkaido) this past weekend as **JI3DST/8**. QSL to the same address above under AS-049.

- **EU-063.** A group under the leadership of Mat, JW5NM, is planning a trip to **Axeloya** in the Svalbard Archipelago. This is an extremely rare IOTA entity because most of the area is off limits due to environmental concerns. Because it is so remote, an expedition to this area will be expensive, so the team is looking for some financial support for this venture. Send E-mails to Rag (LA5HE, OZ8RO, JW5HE) at: la5he@yahoo.no

J8, ST. VINCENT. Look for Angel/WA2VUY, Peter/NO2R, and Douglas/W2EN to operate from "**The Grenadines**" (**NA-025**) **October 23rd through October 31st**. They will sign **J8/homecall** prior to **CQWW SSB Contest**; they hope to obtain a special callsign for the contest. Activity will be on all bands CW/SSB. ALL QSLs via W2EN.

KOREA DX CONVENTION 2000. Lee, HL1IWD, informs OPDX that the Korea DX Club plans to have the **2000 Korea DX Convention** take place **November 4-5th**, at **Chonan City**, about 130km south of Seoul. They invite all countries to come and visit. OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive the complete press release as an additional bulletin.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- As announced earlier, two groups of operators (DF2UU/DK9IP and I4UFH/IK4UPB) have visited the ISAJC Club Station **3V8BB** between September 6th and 13th, participating together in the Worked All Europe Contest (SSB). Some 8000 QSOs were made during that one week activity. All QSLs ONLY for this period go via DK9IP (bureau preferred). A online log search plus more information on QSLing and some pictures are now available at: <http://www.dk9ip.de>
- **9M0F BUREAU QSLs.** Nao Mashita, JA1HGY, reports that you can receive a QSL via the bureau (he does not need your QSL) if you send him your QSO data via E-mail at: ja1hgy@jarl.com
- Gil, F5NOD, reports that they have already received many QSL requests for the **FR/F6KDF/T** Tromelin DXpedition (around 6000). The QSL cards are not printed yet. He also states to "Please don't forget to send with your QSL a "Self Addressed Envelope" (SAE). They have received a lot of QSL already without it, and it takes a long time to write addresses etc... They report that they will confirm only requested QSOs. If you have sent a QSL during the DXpedition and you made some other afterwards, and if you want these QSOs confirmed, send them another card. You can also check your QSO on the online log at the FR/F6KDF/T Web page at: <http://perso.easynet.fr/~f6jxx/menu.htm>
- **BI2J** QSLs. Mac, W3HC, reports that he is currently awaiting for info and a photograph from Alan, BA1DU, for the **BI2J** operation. The cards will be printed after receiving this information. Any and all cards (any station) handled by Mac, W3HC, will be delayed for a while due to the recent death of his daughter (SK on September 16,2000). Mac adds, all mail received is being stored in boxes until he can get to them. OPDX and subscribers would like to send out our deepest sympathy to him and his family.
- Zheng, BA4EG, the QSL Manager of **BI4CM** (AS-136), **BI5X** (AS-137) and **BT200O** (AS-137), reports that all QSLs sent for BI5X have been replied to.
- Patrick, FR5FD, has the logs for **TO150** and **FR5FC**. QSL via Patrick Lebeaume, 40 rue Louis Desjardines, Bois de Nefles, F-97411 Saint Paul, Reunion Island via France.
- Andy, G4ZVJ, made 15083 CW QSOs (including over 1000 QSOs on 80m) as **5V7VJ** during his 7 day operation from Lome, Togo. He also made 1140 CW QSOs as **9G5VJ** from Accra, Ghana. QSL via G4ZVJ: Andy Chadwick, 5 Thorpe Chase, Ripon, HG4 1UA UK or via RSGB. Check out his Web page at: <http://www.g4zvj.demon.co.uk>

- NOT THE QSL MANGER. Tom, K4NA, reports that he is receiving dozens of QSL requests for **KH2/K4NA**. He thinks this is KH2/K4ANA. So, Tom is not the manager. KH2/K4ANA should be QSLed via W2PS.
- Eduardo, **CO8LY**, active in this past weekend's RTTY contest, should be QSLed via EA7ADH.
- Tim Totten, N4GN, made a serious single operator, all-band effort from **EA8BH** in last weekend's CQ/RJ World Wide RTTY Contest. QSL EA8BH via OH2BH. He was also active as EA8/N4GN before and after the contest. QSL EA8/N4GN via N4GN.
- Jean/F6FYA and his wife Genevieve/F5SQM are back in France. The QSLs for **OD5/F5SQM** will be printed soon.
- As always, Baldur, DJ6SI, surprised everyone on the air and became active from Guinea-Bissau as **J5X** (on CW) with Franz, DJ9ZB, as **J5Z** (on SSB). Their operation will be QRT by the time you read this. QSL via their homecall direct or via the bureau.
- **TX0DX, 4W/N5KO AND 4W/W3UR QSL STATUS**. Many OPDX InterNet Subscribers received the special bulletin (OPDX.477.1) and have made inquiries about when these cards are good to send in for credit. Again, these cards cannot be sent in for credit until the submission date of October 1st.
- **XW1UD QSL STATUS**. Charly, K4VUD, has informed everyone that he has submitted a translation of his Laos operating permission papers (which took place last December) to the head of DXCC at the W9DXCC event last week. Charly states, "I still do not know if all the papers I have submitted will be deemed 'enough' but I have jumped thru my last hoop regarding this. I am in the process of sending my XW1UD QSL to everyone I worked via the bureau, but if you want a card fast, send the usual SASE to me at K4VUD address..."

RSGB 21/28 MHZ CONTESTS. Lee, G0MTN, is reminding everyone that the 2000 RSGB 21/28 MHz Contests will be occurring soon. Here's a brief summary of the rules and dates/times:

SSB - Sunday, October 1st (0700-1900z)
 CW - Sunday, October 15th (0700-1900z)
 UK stations contact overseas stations only, and vice versa.
 UK stations send RS(T) + Serial Number + UK District Code
 Overseas stations send RS(T) + Serial Number
 Open / Restricted / QRP / SWL sections, with awards to be won.
 Full rules, with details of exact frequencies, scoring etc. are on the Internet on the HF Contests Committee website at:
<http://www.g4tsh.demon.co.uk/HFCC/Rules-2000/28.htm>

SLIM REPORT. Jean Michel, F6AJA, reports that a station signing **5R8O** is very active and is stating that 5R8FL is his QSL Manager, but unfortunately 5R8FL knows nothing about this station.

SPECIAL EVENT. The Hampden County (Massachusetts) Radio Association will operate the special event station, **WB1HOF** (Hall of Fame), at the **Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts**. The operation will be on **October 14-15th** as the Hall of Fame receives its latest crop of honorees. Operation will be from 10 AM until 4 PM (EDT) on October 14th and 10 AM until 2 PM (EDT) on October 15th. Two stations will operate in the 40 and 15 meter phone bands. A special QSL is available by sending an SASE to Hampden County Radio Association WB1HOF, PO Box 562, Agawam, MA. 01001.

SV9, CRETE. Geza, HA4XG, will be active from **EU-015** between September **28th and October 12th** as **SV9/HA4XG/p**. He will work mainly on the WARC bands. QSL via HA QSL bureau or direct to CBA.

TI8, COSTA RICA. A group of hams from the Atlanta area will operate from **Quepos**, Costa Rica (EJ79) for a week **beginning October 7th** as **K4QFF/TI8**. Satellite operations will include UO-14, AO-27, SO-35 and RS-13. QSL to K4QFF.

V5, NAMIBIA. Frank, **V51AS**, can usually be found on 30/20/17/15 meters CW between 1930 and 2130z. Also, check 10 meters after 1530z. It was also reported by "The 59(9) DX Report" that he was heard on 80 meters between 0200-0400z.

YJ, VANUATU. The Prairie DX Group is pleased to announce their 2nd DX-pedition to take place between **November 18-28th**, from **Vanuatu** and **Efate Island (OC-035)**. They will be operating at least two stations around the clock (24/7) and possibly more on 160-6 meters SSB, CW, RTTY, SSTV and PSK31. During the DXpedition, they are planning a sub-trip to one or more of the rarer YJ IOTAs. In addition to operating from the other islands, they will be participating in the **CQ World Wide CW Contest** from **Vanuatu**. The six members of the traveling team are: Rick/KF9ZZ, Todd/W9YK, Fred/ KF9YL, Mike/N9WM, Bill/W8LVN and Tim/KB9QYL. As in their previous DX-pedition (FP/N9PD September 1998), one of their main goals is to give every amateur the opportunity of working them at least once (and hopefully more often). The callsigns for the DXpedition is to be announced (TBA) later. Their QSL route is via N9PD direct (The Prairie DX Group, 1206 Somerset Ave., Deerfield, IL 60035 USA) or via bureau. Please include SASE with postage, IRC or greenstamp. Direct QSL cards received without return postage will be returned via bureau. For further info, check the Web page at: <http://www.n9pd.com> Or send E-mail to Rick, KF9ZZ at: kf9zz@arrl.net

YJ, VANUATU. Alan/VK4BKM and Graeme/VK4FI will be active between **October 8-16th** as **YJ0DX**. Activity will be on all bands, especially 6 meters. QSL direct only via VK4JSR.

ZK1, NORTH COOK ISLANDS. Look for operators Yu/JR2KDN (also KD1N, XW8KPL/CSN, 3W5KDN, 8Q7US etc) and Yasu/JI1NJC (also A35CC, C21/YI, T20CC, T30CC, ZK1NJC, 8Q7CC, 3D2YI, S79CC, KH0/JI1NJC, FW/JI1NJC etc) to be active from **Penrhyn Island (IOTA OC-082; Grid Locator BI11)** from **October 28th through November 4th**, as **ZK1NDK** and **ZK1NJC** (callsigns being requested. The license will be issued upon arrival.). Operations will be on CW/SSB/RTTY with activity on 160-6 meters. Suggested 160 meters frequency is 1832.5 kHz (QSX 1837.5 kHz and UP, QSX 1815 kHz for JA). Six meter activity will be on 50.100 MHz (QSX 50.140 MHz and UP) and a 6m beacon (BREAKABLE) will be running on 50.100 MHz (send CQ CQ de ZK1NJC ZK1NJC QSX 50.140 K). QSL via JR2KDN (SASE, SAE+sufficient return postage or Bureau) to: Yuichi Yoshida, 4th Floor Kato Building, 529 Rokugaik-cho, Kita-ku, Nagoya, Japan 462-1112. QSL requests via E-mail are welcome (returns via the bureau) at: jr2kdn@pluto.dti.ne.jp

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<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/nodxa.html>

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